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SUBJECT:PROCUREMENT OF PORTABLE TRANSLATING EQUIPMENT

1. U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION/USG IS HOSTING THE SECOND ECE SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF TRANSPORTATION IN URBAN PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT JUNE 13-19, 1976 IN WASH. D.C. FOLLOWED BY A STUDY TOUR OF 7 U.S. CITIES JUNE 20-27, 1976. DOT WILL BE REQUIRED TO INTERPRET THE ORAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE STUDY TOUR INTO THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE U.N. FOR THIS PURPOSE DOT WILL REQUIRE SMALL WIRELESS TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS FOR PARTICIPANTS.

2. THROUGH RECENT JAPANESE VISITS, DOT IS AWARE OF AND HAS SEEN IN OPERATION A WIRELESS TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER SET WHICH WOULD BE IDEAL FOR STUDY TOUR USE. RESEARCH OF HITACHI DEALERS HAS SHOWN THAT THIS ITEM IS NOT DISTRIBUTED IN U.S. AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR DOT TO PURCHASE IN U.S. DOT PROPOSES TO PROCURE FIVE TRANSMITTERS AND ONE HUNDRED RECEIVERS. ON A 1974 INFO SHEET THE PRICE OF THE RECEIVER IS \$13.99 AND THE TRANSMITTER \$65.28. DOT UNDERSTANDS THE PRICES ON BOTH ITEMS ARE PRESENTLY 30 HIGHER. NAME OF ITEM IS WIRELESS HITACHI GUIDEPHONE WITH MICROPHONE GH-501
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HIRONAKA TRADING CO., LTD., 1-11-33, AKASAKA, MINATO-KU,
TOKYO, JAPAN PHONE 03-584-6301-3.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT HITACHI OR HIRONAKA TRADING
CO. TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS
IN QUANTITY MENTIONED ABOVE, CURRENT PRICES AND METHOD OF
PROCUREMENT. IN EVENT EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE PURCHASE DOT
PREPARED TO TRANSFER NECESSARY FUNDS. IN EVENT EQUIPMENT
IS AVAILABLE DOT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ONE TRANSMITTER AND
TWO RECEIVERS ON LOAN BASIS FOR USE ON A PREPARATORY TOUR
OF U.S. CITIES ON DECEMBER 4-9. IN EVENT LOAN EQUIPMENT
IS SATISFACTORY FOR USE INTENDED, LOANED ITEMS WOULD BE
RETAINED AS PART OF TOTAL ORDER. KISSINGER

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